



Disarmament and International Security Committee





Dear Delegates,

Welcome to the 2010 UC Berkeley Model United Nations Conference and the Disarmament and International Security Committee. My name is Matt Gillooly and I am a 4th year Political Science major specializing in International Relations and Philosophy minor. This is my second and sadly my last year participating in Model United Nations. Last year I worked as an ICJ Crisis Director for UCBMUNC.

This year, DISEC will discuss two relevant topics that challenge the security of the international community. The first topic is *International Nuclear Non-proliferation*, a case that has come to the forefront with the continued escalation of North Korea's nuclear tests, the acceleration of Iran's uranium enrichment their ambiguous intent and the ongoing tensions between Pakistan and India. The second topic is the problem of *Illicit Arms Trafficking in the Developing World* that continues to feed criminal and terrorist groups that attack globally and fuel conflicts.

Both topics present the opportunity for vigorous debate on issues of international security. *International Nuclear Non-proliferation* presents the sobering issue presented by nuclear weapons proliferation presents a grim reality that the multilateral treaties such as, the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT), that have increasingly been weakened recently by the policies of a few. Delegates should consider ways to address the unique challenges presented by each of the case-studies to strengthen existing treaties. In the *Illicit Arms Trafficking in the Developing World* topic, delegates should consider ways of undermining the networks that enable terrorist groups to commit indiscriminate killings against military soldiers and civilians alike by providing arms and munitions. Delegates must consider methods to disrupt the financial and distribution networks.

Please feel free to direct any committee related questions, via email and I will be more than happy to answer them for you. I look forward to meeting and working with all of you in committee.

Sincerely,
Matt Gillooly

